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Stäubli Is Named Official Provider Of Dry Break Coupling Kits for USF2000

PALMETTO, Fla., Feb. 15 — Stäubli has been named the official provider of mandatory dry break coupling kits for the USF2000 National Championship, which is presented by Cooper Tires and powered by Mazda.

Stäubli dry break couplings are an important safety measure. Located between a USF2000 car's fuel cell and its fuel-injection intake and tethered to the frame, they are designed to separate in a large impact. Once separated, the dry breaks will help prevent any major fuel spills that could ignite.

Stäubli dry breaks are also a 'green' initiative because they act as a clean, no-spill connection for the series' tech officials conducting fuel samplings.

Competitors wishing to obtain pricing information should call the series at (941) 723-3900.

As part of its participation in the series, Stäubli will also post an award of a \$200 product certificate to a randomly selected finisher in each of the 12 USF2000 races in 2010.

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"We're pleased to be involved in the USF2000 series, as our program is not only a safety initiative but also a 'green' initiative," said Jeff Barrow, Stäubli's motorsports manager. "Stäubli's high-performance connecting solutions have been well recognized as the leader in safety solutions for fuel sampling, fuel filling and impact safety. To have the Stäubli Corporation and our strong, high-quality, brand-name safety products associated with the USF2000 series and the 'Road to Indy' program is an exciting adventure for us."

"Stäubli has developed and produced an excellent dry break product as a solution to the issue of car fires fed by spewing fuel after a crash," explained Dan Andersen, co-owner and chief executive officer of Andersen Promotions, which administers the series. "We have found their products to be top quality, and Jeff's service is exceptional. His offer to provide a prize for each of our races demonstrates the company's willingness to give back to the racers, and we sincerely appreciate it."

More information on the company and its products is available on Stäubli's Web site at staubli.com.

Sanctioned by the Indy Racing League (IRL), the USF2000 National Championship is one of only two series that are part of both the IRL's Road to Indy ladder system and the MAZDASPEED Motorsports driver development program. The series' 2010 season will open with a doubleheader March 27-28 on the street circuit in St. Petersburg, Fla. in support of an IZOD IndyCar Series headliner.

For the rest of the schedule and additional information on the series, see usf2000.com or call (941) 723-3900.

About Mazda:

On any given weekend there are more Mazdas on the road courses of America than any other brand of vehicle. MX-5 Miata, RX-8, MAZDA3, MAZDA6, RX-7 and other vintage Mazda models are all popular race cars because every Mazda has the soul of a sports car. In fact, the largest road-racing class in the world is Spec Miata. With more than 2,500 first- and second-generation Miatas tearing up America's racetracks, it the most-raced production car in the world. Mazda's involvement in motorsports extends to its relationship with one of the world's premier road courses, Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif., and the Skip Barber Schools for driving and racing.

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Celebrating its 40th anniversary in the United States in 2010, Mazda North American Operations is headquartered in Irvine, Calif. It oversees the sales, marketing, parts business and customer service of Mazda vehicles in the United States, Canada and Mexico through nearly 900 dealers. Operations in Canada are managed by Mazda Canada, Inc., located in Ontario. Operations in Mexico are managed by Mazda Motor de Mexico in Mexico City.

For more information see MazdaUSA.com.

About Cooper Tire & Rubber Company:

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company is a global company that specializes in the design, manufacture, marketing and sales of passenger car and light truck tires and subsidiaries that specialize in medium truck, motorcycle and racing tires. With headquarters in Findlay, Ohio, Cooper Tire has manufacturing, sales, distribution, technical and design facilities within its family of companies located in 10 countries around the world.

For more information visit Cooper Tire's Web site at coopertire.com.

About Stäubli:

Stäubli is a mechatronics solution provider with three dedicated divisions: textile machinery, connectors and robotics. With a workforce of over 3,000, Stäubli has a presence in 25 countries and agents in 50 countries around the world.

In October 2009 Staubli North America completed a \$5 million expansion of its facility in Duncan, S.C. that brought it to 100,000 square feet.

As one of the leading manufacturers of quick-connector systems, Stäubli covers connection needs for all types of fluids, gases and electrical power. These standard or specific products (like single and multiple connectors, tool changers and quick mould change systems) combine performance, quality, safety, dependability and durability.

Leak-proof and reliable, Stäubli connectors satisfy the highest safety standards.

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